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1. IRAN-IRAQ: MILITARY ACTIVITY

//FLOODING IN THE AREA NORTH OF AL BASRAH PROBABLY WILL SLOW
IRANIAN PREPARATIONS FOR A MAJOR OFFENSIVE. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: //THE IRANIANS COULD MOVE SOME OF THEIR BOATS DOWN
FROM THE MAJNOON ISLANDS AREA TO HELP MOVE TROOPS ACROSS THE FLOODED
AREA. BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF MEN NEEDED IN THE COMING

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[REDACTED]

OFFENSIVE, HOWEVER, THEY LIKELY WILL DECIDE AGAINST AN AMPHIBIOUS
OPERATION AND WILL WAIT UNTIL THE RAIN AND FLOODING SUBSIDES. [REDACTED]
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//THE IRAQIS PROBABLY ARE PUMPING WATER FROM THE MARSHES INTO
THE AREA TO THE EAST TO HELP BLOCK THE IRANIAN ADVANCE. IRAQI AIR
ATTACKS HAVE BEEN INEFFECTIVE AGAINST IRANIAN FORCES SO FAR AND WILL
HAVE TO BECOME MORE AGGRESSIVE AND ACCURATE IF THEY ARE TO HELP
BLUNT IRAN'S MAJOR OFFENSIVE. [REDACTED]

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